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**Big Indian Mines**  
Moab, Utah  
84532

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2 February, 1981

James W. Smith Jr.  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
1588 West North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is provided in response to your letter of January 19, 1981.


1. I believe this point was addressed adequately in my letter to Mr. Hedberg dated January 16, 1981.
2. The mine water is diverted only long enough to affect repairs. This consists of allowing some drying to take place at the damage site, exposing the pipe and replacing the damaged section. This interval during the time in question consisted of approximately six days.
3. This point was addressed in my letter of January 16.
4. The repair work was not perceived as a serious problem or hazard. Also our previous correspondence has not indicated the necessity of or the desire for notification.
5. Before the question of a contaminant clean-up can be addressed I need to instigate a testing program to determine the extent of contamination, if any. As soon as this testing program is completed I will notify your office of the results and conclusions reached.

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If you require further information please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Richard A. Dye  
Reclamation Engineer

cc: Steve McNeal, State Health

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